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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 12 December 2005 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☐ entered.

b) ☒ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

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d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

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